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Glucose Sensing)

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Copies of the listed documents, except for U.S. Patents 6,413,213 and 5,989,917, were previously submitted in a prior application, Application No. 10/286,648, filing date November 1, 2002, now Patent No. 6,743,635, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

In light of the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) provided in 1273 OG 55 for patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of U.S. Patents 6,413,213 and 5,989,917 are not required and therefore are not enclosed.

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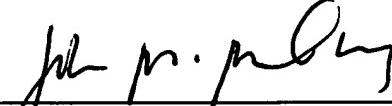
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